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Current academic Position: Assistant Professor of Pali
Department of Buddhist Studies and Pali, KJSIDS,
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Academic summary

Dedicated Assistant Professor with a strong foundation in Pali language and literature, committed to fostering a deep understanding of ancient texts and their cultural significance. Proven ability to engage students through innovative teaching methods and a passion for scholarly research, contributing to academic discourse in the field. Experienced in curriculum development and mentorship, guiding students to achieve academic and professional goals. Actively involved in community outreach initiatives that promote cultural awareness and appreciation of Pali heritage.

EDUCATION

1. **MA (SANSKRIT)** (2022) from SNDT University, Mumbai Churchgate.

2. **Ph.D (PALI)** (Nov 2020) "**Theory of Kamma and Vipaka Expounded in Petavatthu and Vimanavatthu** "from K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist studies, University of Mumbai

3. **MPhil (PALI)** "**Aggasavaka from Ekakanipata of Anguttara Nikaya: A Critical Study"** (2013) A Thesis submitted to the University of Mumbai for the M.phil (Arts) Degree in Pali.

4. **Net** with Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in 2012.

5. **MA (PALI)** (2009) from University of Mumbai.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (Diplomas)

· **Diploma Course in Prakrit language** from K.J. Somaiya Centre for Studies in Jainism, Somaiya University.

· **Certificate Course in Brahmi and Kharoshti, Sharada Script** (June, 2020) from Sathye College, Mumbai.

· **Certificate Course in Prakrit language** (June,2020) with 82% from K.J. Somaiya Centre for Studies in Jainism, University of Mumbai.

· **Elementary Course in Prakrit language (**Dec, 2019) with 78% from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Mumbai.

· **Diploma in Sanskrit (Sanskrit Parichaya) (**June, 2019) with 80% from Kavi Kulaguru Kalidasa University, Nagpur.

· **Diploma in Buddhist Studies and Vippassana** in 2009 with 70% from Philosophy Department, University of Mumbai.

SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Pali language and Literature, Buddhist Narrative Literature, Pali and Interdisciplinary Studies, Buddhist Studies and Theravada Buddhism, Buddhist Sanskrit literature

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPECIAL ACADEMIC HONOURS

Net with Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) -UGC-in 2012.

LANGUAGES, SCRIPTS, FIELD STUDY & MEDITATION

- **Languages:** Pāli, Sanskrit, Prakrit, Marathi, Hindi, English
- **Field Study:** Visited 45+ Buddhist archaeological sites and caves for academic/research purposes, including Karla, Bhaja, Panhale, Sanchi, Barabar Caves and Kharepatan. (And working on the dictionary on the Pali and Buddhist Sanskrit Terms in Buddhist Art and Architecture)
- **Vipassanā Meditation:** Practising since 2006 in the Sayagyi U Ba Khin tradition; completed five 10-Day Vipassanā courses and one Satipaṭṭhāna course.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Jadhav, K. (Forthcoming 2028). Kinship Terms in Pali language. In Devy, Ganesh. (Eds.), People's Linguistic Survey of India, (PLSI) Vol. 48. Orient Blackswan

2. Jadhav K "Petavatthu: A Window to Socio-Religious Beliefs and Non-Beliefs of **Ancient India"** "ANVEṢAṆĀ", (ISSN: 1391-474 X), Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, a peer reviewed journal- University of Keleniya- Sri Lanka-(May, 2021)Vol. 12, Issue 2 -pg 94-120

3. Jadhav K **(May 2023) "Some Remarks on the Peta narratives of the Petavatthu"** The Mahabodhi (ISSN No. 0025-0406), The Mahabodhi Society of India, Kolkata), a peer reviewed journal (UGC) pg.1-13

4. Jadhav K (August 2020) **"COVID-19's Impact on Children: Revisiting Buddha's Therapeutic Teaching and Practice"** "Sambhashana", A Free Open Access Online Peer Reviewed Journal of University of Mumbai, Office of Dean, Humanities, University of Mumbai, pg. 73-87

5. Jadhav K (Oct, 2015) "**Buddha's approach to status of women in society"**, The Fourth World Vol. 37, (ISSN 0971-6653), National Seminar Proceedings, National Institute of Social Work and Social Science (NISWASS), Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar, Pg.19- 39

6. Jadhav K (September 2016 **"Espionage at the time of Buddha"** The Mahabodhi Vol. 123 (ISSN No. 0025-0406), The Mahabodhi Society of India, Kolkata), a peer reviewed journal (UGC), pg. 103-107

7. Jadhav K **(2012) "Development of an Embryo as seen in the Indakasutta of the Samyutta Nikaya"(**The Ocean of Buddhist Wisdom" Vol. VI) (ISBN-81-8315-209-0), New Bharatiya Book Corporation, Delhi, pg. 58-64

RESEARCH PROJECT

1. Currently working on a research project on "A dictionary of Pali and Sanskrit Terms in Buddhist Art and Architecture" (as a chief investigator-Seed money received by SIRAC, Somaiya Vidyavihar University)

2. Worked on the project of Ministry of Culture on "Buddhist Perspective-Collective Environmental Ethics and Sustainability" (K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies in 2013-2014)

INVITED LECTURES

Delivered invited lectures at various universities and academic institutions in India and abroad on subjects including:

A. SPECIAL LECTURES/INVITATIONS/ INTERVIEWS

1. Delivered a special lecture on "**Petavatthu: Exploring Kamma and Rebirth through Narratives of Hungry Ghost**" – at Department of Buddhist studies , Colombo University 15 October 2026-(International level)

2. Delivered a special lecture on "**A Comparative Study of Pāli and Marathi language with special reference to Doctrinal Terms**" – at the Gavesana conference 27-28 March 2026, Somaiya Vidyavihar university -(International level)

3. "Invited as a one of the speakers in the Akhil Bharatiya Pali Sammelan (Organized by the Padmapani Foundation in collaboration with Pune University, Department of Pali and Buddhist studies.2026.

4. Invited to give the talk on Pali language and Culture in the School of Civilization, Somaiya Vidyavihar University on 1st Feb 2025.

5. 3. Invited for the interview on "Demystifying Ghosts in Theravada Buddhism by Bhante Dr. Gangodawila Chandima on September 1st, 2021, on the platform of Patisota- international level

6. Delivered a special lecture on "Pali Literature (History of Buddhism)" – for the students of M A History, IDOL (Institute of Distance and Open Learning), University of Mumbai (May 1, 2022)-(National level)

7. Delivered a special lecture on Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta for AANA (Ambedkar Association of North America) -(July 2, 2023)-(International level)

8. Delivered a special lecture at "Two-day Brahmi script workshop" in the institute of K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Mumbai for the student from different linguistic backgrounds like Pali, Sanskrit and Prakrit. (18th, 19th Jan 2020)-(National level)

9. Delivered special lectures on Vimanavatthu Atthakatha for the students of P G Diploma, Department of Pali, University of Mumbai (2018,2019,2020)-(National level)

SESSION CHAIR: CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

- Moderated research papers at **SLABS 2026** (16-18, Oct 2026), Pali and Buddhist University, Homagam, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- Moderated research papers at **Gavesanā Conference** (March 27-28, 2026), Dept of Pali and Buddhist Studies, KJSIDS, Somaiya Vidyavihar University.

- Moderated research papers at **Mantra Conference** 2025, KJSIDS, Somaiya Vidyavihar University

- Moderated research articles at the students' seminars Gavesanā (गवेसना) held on 8th April 2023 organized by the K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University on "**Buddhist Narratives**"

- Moderated research articles at the seminars held on 10th April 2022 organized by the Pali Department, Mumbai University on Pali

- Moderated research articles at the seminars held on 25th April 2021 organized by the Pali Department, Mumbai University on Pali

- Moderated research articles at the conference held on 9th Feb 2020 organized by the Pali Department, Pune University.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS
Participated as:

- **Paper Presenter**

International

1. Presented a paper entitled "**Aesthetic Representations of women in the *Vimānavatth* Commentary: Ethical and Textual Dimensions** "at **SLABS 2026** (16-18, Oct 2026), Pali and Buddhist University, Homagam, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2. Presented a paper entitled "The *Translations of Pali Texts into Marathi Language: Problems And Issues"* at International Webinar on Multilingualism and Buddhist Perspectives (IWMBP) of Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka hosted by Faculty of Language Studies on 10th Nov. 2021 At Sri Lanka.

3. Presented a paper entitled "*The current global challenges to environmental preservation*" at 5th International conference by *Sri Lanka* Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS) on "*Buddhism and Current Global Challenges"* on 06-08 Sept. 2013 at Srilanka.

National

1. Presented a paper entitled "Vinaya Piṭaka and Buddha's approach to Biodiversity Conservation" at Indian Philosophical Congress 2025, IIT Bombay.
2. Presented a research article entitled ***"Pali Sahityatuna Khadya Sanskrutica Abhyasa"*** (Marathi) at the 14th Bruhanamumbai Prachyavidya Parishada of e-Conference Organized by Deccan College, Pune", on 25th March (25-27 March 2022.)
3. Presented a research article entitled *"A study of deities as depicted in the Viamanvatthu"* at the international seminar on Ancient Indian Rock Painting, Caves, Stupa, Indian Sculpture and Architecture Research Council's 2nd Annual National e-Conference Organized by Savitribai Phule Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Loknete Gopinathji Munde Arts, Commerce & Science College, Mandangadh, Dist.- Ratnagiri Temples and Iconography", on 11th&12th March 2022.
4. Presented a research article entitled "*Petavatthu: A Window to Socio-Religious Facts and Beliefs of Ancient India*" at the international seminar on "The 11th IASR NATIONAL CONFERENCE "Religion and Society: Reflections on the Indic Paradigm" Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology, St Xavier's College (Autonomous) Mumbai, on 25th Feb 2021. (25-26 Feb,2021)
5. Presented a research article entitled "*Doctrinal Symbolism of Tipitaka with special reference to Petavatthu*" at the international seminar on "Symbolism in art, architecture and Literature" held by Deccan College, Pune on 1st Dec 2016.

6. Presented a paper entitled "*The concept of peta seen in Pali literature with special reference to Petavatthu"* at the national seminar on "Buddhist Narratives" by Dept of Pali, University of Pune, Pune on 26 Feb 2016.

7. Presented a paper entitled "*Buddha's Approach to status of Women in society"* at the national seminar on "Relevance of Buddha's Pragmatic Approach: Human Freedom, Social Justice and Equality in Contemporary India" by National Institute of Social Work and Social Science (NISWASS), Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar on 16th May 2015.

8. Presented R. Paper entitled "*A critical Analysis of Etadagga Vagga*" held in **IIBS** Conference 2012 in Pune.

9. Presented R. Paper entitled "A critical Analysis of Etadagga Vagga" held in "9th Bruhanmaharashtra Prachyavidya Parishad", Prachyavidya Parishada, Jalgaon in 2011.

10. Presented Paper entitled "*A Development of an Embryo as seen in the Indaka Sutta of the Samyukta Nikaya*" in ISBS Conference held in Ahmadabad. 2010.

11. Presented Paper entitled "*Buddha is a great Leader*" in "Antevasikanang Pali Parisa" Seminar held by Mumbai University, Dept of Pali in 2009.

12. Presented a Paper entitled "*Bhikkhunchi Bhojan Niyamavali*" in Antevasikanang Pali Parisa, Seminar held by "Mumbai University, Dept of Pali in 2008.

Conference Organizer:
Gavesana Conference, KJSIDS, Somaiya Vidyavihar University (2023, 2026)

Collaborations

Academic Content writer and Evaluator for Marathi Pali Vishwakosh, (eds by Dr Ravindra Shobhane) (BORI and Pali Dept, Pune University)-2025

Designed syllabus for Certificate Course in Pali Language and Literature, Department of Sanskrit language, SNDT college, Churchgate.(2021-2022)

RESEARCH PEER-REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Year	**Journal/Publisher**	**Role**	**Subject Area**
2026	Colombo Journal for Buddhist Studies	Peer Reviewer	Buddhist Studies And Pali literature
2026	Colombo Journal for Buddhist Studies	Peer Reviewer	Buddhist Studies And Pali literature
2026	*A & V Publications*	Peer Reviewer	Buddhist Studies
2026	Marathi Pali Shabdakosh work Review,	Manuscript reviewer	Pali literature
2025	Annual research meet, Somaiya Vidyavihar university	Manuscript reviewer	Pali literature
2025	Annual research meet, Somaiya Vidyavihar university	Manuscript reviewer	Pali literature

Ph.D./M.Phil. Supervision

PhD-2 students will be under supervision (in prepress)
MA-4 students completed their dissertation

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

a. **Assistant Professor** of Pali at K. J. Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya University (from April 2021, till date)

b. **Visiting faculty** at Department of Pali, University of Mumbai (June, 2020-2021)

c. **Visiting faculty** at K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies (from Oct,2019 to July 2020)

d. **PhD Research Fellow** at K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies (from June 2014 to June 2019)

e. **Research Assistant** at K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies (from Oct,2012 to June 2014)

ADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE
K.J. Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies

2011–Present

- Extensive teaching experience at **Postgraduate, Diploma and Certificate levels** in **Pāli and Buddhist Studies**.
- Courses taught include **Pāli Language & Literature, Sutta, Vinaya and Abhidhamma Literature, Pāli Commentarial Literature, Buddhist Textual Studies, and Buddhist Analysis of Mind**.

Department of Pāli, University of Mumbai
2011–2020

- Teaching **Postgraduate Diploma in Pāli** (2020–2021) and **Certificate Course in Pāli** (2011–2013).

Core Teaching Areas: Pāli Language and Literature • Buddhist Studies • Sutta, Vinaya & Abhidhamma • Pāli Commentarial Literature • Buddhist Textual Studies • Buddhist Analysis of Mind

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

1. **IQAC coordinator, Somaiya Vidyavihar University (2024-26)**
2. **Financial Aid coordinator**, KJSIDS, Somaiya Vidyavihar University.
3. **Coordinator** _Pali and Buddhist Studies Course coordinator (2021-Present)
4. **Member**, Doctoral Advisory Committee Member, KJSIDS, Somaiya Vidyavihar University.
5. **Member, BOS** (K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies) MA in Pali and MA in Buddhist Studies (2019-2020, 2020-2021 till date)
6. **Member, BOS** (Language Studies, Somiaya Vidyavihar University) -2025
7. **Member, RMRC** (Examination Committee) (2025-Present)
8. **Member of Syllabus Committees** (K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies) MA Pali and MA Buddhist Studies (2019-Till date), PhD Pali and Buddhist Studies (2024-till date)
9. **Member, Exam Audit Cell Committee**- Somaiya Vidyavihar University (2021-2022)
10. **Member, library Committee** (K. J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies) (2019-2020)
11. **Member,LMS Committee** (K. J. Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies) (2021-2022)

CONNECTION WITH OUTSIDE WORLD

Professional Membership

1. Life member of **SLABS** (Srilankan Association of Buddhist Studies)
2. Member of **IAHR** (International Association for the History of Religions)(2021-2023)
3. Life member of the **Asiatic society** of Mumbai.

Member of various committees (Asiatic Society of Mumbai)

a. Member, Journal Committee from 2016 to 2017
b. Member, Literary Club (2017 to 2018)
c. Member, Periodicals Committee (2017 to 2018)
d. Member, MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for PGS&R Committee (2017 to 2018)